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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

During the 2006 session of the 114th Indiana General Assembly, I would like to invite you to share your views with me on several important issues that legislators may consider in the months ahead. I encourage you to write, call, or e-mail me anytime on any issue of importance to you and your family.

The General Assembly will be working on a number of issues that potentially can affect all citizens. Critical discussions have been taking place in our summer study committee meetings in preparation for 2006, and these talks will continue in our standing committees and on the floor of the Senate and House of Representatives. Issues may include: daylight saving time, charter schools, prison overcrowding, gambling, alternative funding to replace property tax, defining marriage, vehicle emissions testing, farmland preservation, economic development/job growth, ISTEP testing, transportation, public schools and education issues, energy and utilities, environment, elections, license branches, taxes, and gun related issues. This is only a sampling; should you have interest in other issues not listed, do not hesitate to let me know what is important to you.

Thank you for taking the time to communicate with me about critical issues facing our state. I care and want to do all I can to represent your best interests. Thanks for all you do.

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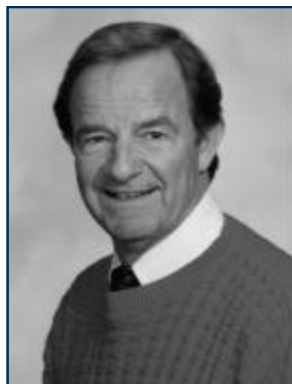
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## Senator Nugent Nominated for NRA Board

State Senator Johnny Nugent (R-Lawrenceburg) has been informed by the Secretary of the National Rifle Association (NRA) that he has been nominated to serve on the NRA's National Board of Directors.



Nugent has been a lifelong supporter of gun rights, both personally and in his role as a legislator. In addition, being a NRA Endowment Life member, Nugent is a life member of the Indiana Rifle and Pistol Association. He is also a member of the Ohio Gun Collectors Association, the Amateur Trapshooting Association, and the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association.

"I am proud of my record in support of the 2nd amendment, and I'm honored to be on the ballot for this prestigious position," said Nugent. "I want the opportunity to continue to defend and protect our 2nd amendment rights for our children and grandchildren."

Nugent is endorsed for the NRA position by the Indiana Rifle and Pistol Association (IRPA). The organization's president, Jerry Wehner, stated that the group was proud to support Nugent and to have a life member of their organization in the running for the NRA's National Board of Directors.

"One of my top priorities while serving in the Indiana General Assembly has been defending gun rights of collectors, shooters, sportsmen and sportswomen, as well as all law-abiding gun owners," Nugent said.

## Senate Page Program Offers Learning Opportunity

The General Assembly recognizes the importance of exposing young people to the democratic process. As a result, legislators offer students an important opportunity to page at the Statehouse.

Any student from 6th grade to 12th grade can sign up to serve as a page for a day. The Senate Page Office will try to accommodate requests for specific dates, and students will be excused from school for the day.

Pages spend a day in the Senate assisting their local legis-

lators. Responsibilities include responding to senators' requests, delivering messages and running errands. The day includes a tour of the Statehouse and observation of a session, if one is in progress.

Those interested in serving as my page should send their name, age, address, phone number and school affiliation to my Statehouse office.

The 2006 session begins January 9 and must end no later than March 14.

# Senator Nugent Defending Hoosier Gun Owners



*Sen. Nugent testifying before a Senate committee on a pro-gun bill.*

“The people shall have a right to bear arms, for the defense of themselves and the State.” Article 1, Section 32 of the Indiana Constitution grants us the freedom to own firearms and store them in our homes. In the past, in Indiana, if someone was in your home, stole your gun, and injured or killed someone, you could be held liable.

The Indiana Supreme Court ordered gun owners to store their guns properly in their homes or face possible lawsuits. We in the Senate wanted to protect the more than 300,000 gun owners in Indiana who are law-abiding citizens. That’s why we passed House Enrolled Act 1349, which prevents gun owners from being sued if their guns were stolen and used to commit a crime. It is this reason that I chose to co-author this bill.

Many opponents of this legislation argued that the bill grants too much protection to gun owners, especially those who are reckless in storing guns.

On one hand, gun owners should be responsible for their guns and keep them in safe places away from strangers and known criminals. However, this bill does not protect those who are reckless.

Should you be held liable for the unconscionable acts committed by a criminal simply because your property assisted in the act? Clearly, the legislature believes the answer should be no. The protection afforded in the legislation is no different than if someone were to steal your car, which you legally own, and injure someone with it. The driver, not the owner, maintains liability.

## Nugent Bill Would Improve Handgun Licensing Procedures

I have filed Senate Bill 54 this session that will drastically improve the handgun licensing procedures. Currently, everyone with a handgun license must have their permit updated and be fingerprinted every four years — even people who have had such a license all of their adult life.

There aren’t too many unchanging things in our lives, but one of those is our fingerprints. This bill will eliminate the need for Hoosiers with handgun licenses to be fingerprinted every four years, and will also allow those folks to re-new their licenses electronically. These small, sensible changes will be a great improvement of the current system and make the licensing procedure much more efficient.



*Sen. Nugent presenting a passionate debate on the Senate floor concerning pro-gun legislation he has sponsored.*

This bill will take away some of the unnecessary inconveniences for Hoosiers re-newing their handgun licenses. There is no reason to punish those law-abiding citizens who are simply exercising their 2nd Amendment rights.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) has given Senator Nugent an A+ rating consistently since 1978.

# “Stand Your Ground” Bill Protects Those Protecting Themselves

Sen. Nugent will author a bill similar to successful legislation introduced in the Florida legislature

The “Right to Self-Defense” bill or “Stand Your Ground” bill, Senate Bill 51, that I have introduced does basically three things to protect those who are protecting themselves.

**One:** It establishes, in law, the presumption that a criminal who forcibly enters or intrudes into your home or occupied vehicle is there to cause death or great bodily harm; therefore a person may use any manner of force, including deadly force, against that person.

**“The ability to protect yourself and your family without fear of prosecution is vital, no matter where you are.”**  
— Sen. Johnny Nugent

**Two:** It removes the “duty to retreat” if you are attacked in any place you have a right to be. You no longer have to turn your back on a criminal and try to run when attacked. Instead, you may stand your ground and fight back, meeting force with force, including deadly force, if you reasonably believe it is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm to yourself or others.

**Three:** It provides that persons using force authorized by law shall not be prosecuted for using such force. It also prohibits criminals and their families from suing victims for injuring or killing the criminals who have attacked them. In short, it gives rights back to law-abiding people.



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*Sen. Nugent pleads his case on his pro-gun legislation bill.*